

Ball Hockey Covid-19 Operational Plan

The Sport

Summer Ball Hockey is played on the surface of a full-size indoor hockey rink with an orange ball.

5 players and a goalie compete against the opposing team's 5 players and goalie. Extra players are kept

on each bench, outside the playing surface, and interchanged with the five on the floor either during

play or at a stoppage of play. Each game has two qualified referees and one game technician.

Risk Warning

League directors will provide information via email, website and social media to all staff, players, and

spectators about the coronavirus risk and practices that should be undertaken to mitigate risks.

Social Distancing and Contact Tracing

All players, coaches, staff will practice social distancing of 6 ft. wherever possible,

especially in common areas. Of course, this will not always apply to players on the surface as there will

be some brief exchanges during game play.

Players must submit rosters of players and coaches this will be used for contact tracing purposes

Masks

Masks must be worn when not on the floor or on the bench. All players must wear masks when entering the building, Locker rooms, moving to and from the rink surface and exiting the building

Coaches & Officials

Coaches & Team representatives will be instructed by our staff before each game to remind players of

the physical distancing guidelines and the modifications we made to the sport during game play.

During game play, our officials will frequently instruct and educate players to practice physical

distancing guidelines where circumstances occur in addition to rule modifications.

Monitor Building Entry & Screening

Team Reps member to perform the following when their players, spectators and coaches are entering building:

-Players, Coaches, and spectators are to be screened for symptoms prior to participation each day of

the activity and are not allowed to participate if they have any COVID-19 symptoms.

-Staff must use the self-screening tool before reporting and should stay home when if they have any covid-19 symptoms, come in contact with someone who is suspected, testing or self isolating.

-Ask all players, coaches, and staff all suggested questions with regards to screening for Covid-19

Equipment

The use of Hockey Sticks and any form of player equipment will be limited to just the individual players.

All players must wear hockey gloves during game play.

Shared equipment is not a normal occurrence in the sport of ball hockey as players use their own

equipment, however in the unlikely event this occurs with a stick, it must be handed to our timekeeper

who will disinfect with sanitizer before it can be used again.

The sharing of gloves and helmets will not be permitted.

Bathrooms

Washrooms will limit occupancy to one person at a time and cleaned per normal clean practices of the venue

Dressing Rooms

Dressing room can be used 30 minutes before game time, showers cannot be used, and teams must exit 15 minutes after completion of the game

Players will enter at the rear and exit the front of the building. Players are not permitted to remain in the building to socialize or watch other games

Time Buffer Between Games

There will be a 15-minute buffer between each game to allow players to vacate the premises before the

next group enters.

Hygiene/Hand Washing/Touching Face/Laundering

Players will be asked to practice proper hygiene, wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least

20 seconds, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol), abstain from touching their

face (mouth, eyes, or nose), and cover their cough or sneeze with a tissue and throw tissue in the trash.

If the venue provides hand washing and hand sanitizer stations, we will ask participants to use frequently

Players will also be asked to wash all clothing & disinfect all gear (Gloves, Helmet, Shin pads Ect) used in

game play for use in their next match.

Time Keepers will clean the penalty box between games

Self Isolation Players, or staff with any symptoms cannot attend any training sessions or

competitions and will be asked to self-isolate for 14 days and must be tested before they may return.

Water Bottles

Player will be required to bring their own water bottles to all games to help to reduce transmission risk.

Individuals will take their own water bottles home each night for cleaning and sanitation.

No Handshakes/Celebrations

Obviously with social distancing practices, players and will refrain from handshakes, high fives,

fist/elbow bumps, chest bumps, group celebrations etc.

Limiting Spectator Attendance:

Spectators are limited to one per player and must wear masks and sign in for contact tracing

Exit from Facilities

Players will immediately exit the facility after game play using the marked exit and will not be able to return unless they have permission from the organizing staff or venue staff until their next match